

In response to WT Docket 05-235:

Morse code communication mode, as a testing requirement for licensing in the Amateur Radio Hobby, has been a necessary and viable filter for weeding out those individuals who are not entirely serious about making Amateur Radio an integral part of their lives, living the rules, regulations and requirements. People who complete and pass a Morse code test demonstrate to the Amateur Radio community their willingness to make the hobby into what it is today and has been for our fathers before us. The Amateur Radio hobby is also a public service organization that helps out in time of natural disasters for communications anywhere in our country. If the participants in the hobby are not serious about what we do then the public service component will wither up and die. We need the Morse code testing requirement in place to help keep our organization and hobby one in which our children and spouses and friends can tune in without worry of what they will hear. If the Morse code element of the testing requirements is allowed to be dropped then the very immature and disgusting element of Citizen's Band will find it easier to become licensed hams and ruin the frequencies of ham radio with their common mode of operations of disgusting language and terrible demeanor. WE NEED MORSE CODE TESTING LEFT IN PLACE (AND I PROPOSE IT BE RAISED TO 15 WPM)...NOT LOWERED TO NOTHING.

Thank you,
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